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EPA Dimock Water

First it was going to, then it held off. However, Fridayday the Environmental Protection Agency put itself smack-dab in the middle of the on-going water dispute that has pitted some residents along Carter Road in Dimock against Cabot Oil and Gas.

The EPA paid for a water company to deliver a truckload of water from Easton, Pennsylvania to four families. The federal agency says it has reviewed data that was previously looked at by the State Department of Environmental Protection and Cabot. It says it has concerns about the water quality from the residents' wells. Late last year the DEP told Cabot that it agreed with the company that the water quality for the Dimock residents was safe and the company no longer had to make clean water deliveries.

Craig Sautner is one of the homeowners who received water today. He says his well was ruined by Cabot drilling operations several years ago. "Our ultimate goal here is for all of the families that have the contaminated wells, to get this temporary water supply being brought by the EPA and our ultimate goal in the end would be to get the water line that was promised to us, from Montrose to here, that the DEP pulled away from us. Our property values have plummeted to nothing because we don't have clean water."

Friday afternoon, we also caught up with Cabot attorney and spokesman George Stark. Stark says, " We're looking forward to working with the Department of Environmental Protection and the EPA on the sampling process. However, we are disappointed with the conclusions that they have drawn. When you look at the facts, they have no new evidence that they have brought forward. It's consistent with what the state has provided and realizing that the state has provided the data from a historical standpoint."

No word on when the EPA's next water delivery will be, likely sometime next week. The EPA plans to do its own well testing next week on possibly dozens of home water supplies. Those results are expected to take five weeks to complete.

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